legal profession. In my case, however, the attraction was just the other way. In any case, I left my acting appointment when it was over and came to join the bar. Probably the Hon'ble Member means, if I had struck on to the service, there would have been no such resolution brought here in this Council. But somebody else may come in my place. Let it stop here.

Then, regarding the resolution my request is that the Government will sympathetically consider the various aspects of the question. The Ezhuva community is a very large community in the State probably the largest community excepting all the denominations of the Christians put together. The Ezhuvas number 2 and a half lakhs, *i.e.* one-fourth of the total population. As I said before I see in the latest Civil List that there are only 12 names out of 480 and there are several departments which have completely ignored us. The Civil List for Education Department is not in this published list. In the Education Department also our state is not much better. There, I think, the Lady Member is the highest officer from the Ezhuva community. As I said before facts cannot be easily shut out. I request that the present Government will take into consideration these matters and bring about a more satisfactory state of affairs. I do not want to press this resolution and I would ask for leave of the House to withdraw the resolution, having placed all these facts before the Government.

The resolution was withdrawn with leave of the House.

2. Bathing Ghats in Public Bathing Tanks.

Mr. V. Achyuta Menon.—Sir, I am not going to commend my resolution with any lengthy speech. It is only considerations of decency and respect for the feelings of the members of the fair sex that induced me to table this resolution. I commend this resolution for the acceptance of the Hon'ble Members of this House, particularly the Hon'ble Lady Member. Before I move this I may be allowed to explain the words 'public tanks'. By the said words I mean tanks maintained out of public funds and it is not my purpose that the works should be carried out all at once. My request is only that the works may be carried out according to a settled programme, as funds permit. With these few words I move the following resolution, namely, —

"This Council recommends to Government to provide bathing ghats with tiled roofs and screen walls in all public bathing tanks for the exclusive use of girls and women".

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.— I beg to second it.

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—The Hon'ble Member for Irinjalakkuda wants to provide bathing ghats with tiled roofs and screen walls in all public bathing tanks for the use of girls and

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women. As far as possible we are providing bathing ghats with screen walls in all tanks, wherever public bathing is allowed. As regards the question of providing tiled roofs, I am afraid Government cannot accept the resolution of the Member, because in the first place it is rather expensive and in the second place it becomes quite insanitary. We are providing screen walls wherever public bathing is allowed and Government accepts that portion of the resolution. As regards tiled roofs I am afraid it is not possible to have tiled roofs in all public bathing tanks.

Mr. V. Achyuta Menon.—Government have accepted the 2nd portion. Let the first portion be put to the vote of the House.

President.—Do you press the motion or do you withdraw it?

Mr. V. Achyuta Menon.—I withdraw.

The resolution was withdrawn with leave of the House.

3. Educational Survey of the State.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—The resolution standing in my name reads thus.—

"This Council recommends that an educational survey of the State as suggested by the Special Finance Committee be conducted without delay."

Cochin no doubt can be proud of its education. It is second only to Travancore and is ahead of British India and the other Native States. We have spent in the year 1105 very nearly 14 lakhs of rupees on education. In this 14 lakhs the buildings necessary for the Education Department are not included, because under our budget that amount is provided in the P. W. D. budget and in the calculation of figures for the expenditure for education this amount is not taken into account. If that expenditure also is taken into account, it comes to 23 per cent of the revenues of the State. It is a high figure which you will find in no other Native State. The Special Finance Committee, which sat for two years, of which I was also a Member, entertained the view that the time has come for the State to take stock of the existing educational institutions and most of us felt that some of the existing schools could be abolished with advantage. The latest figures available from the Administration Report of 1105 will show that we have by the end of 1105, 171 Government schools and 580 private schools. This number shows an increase of 35 schools than the number of 1104. Besides these we have unaided institutions which number 289. This will work out more than one school per square mile of occupied area. It must be within the experience of most of you

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